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Orders Pour In from All Over Country for Seats at the Dempsey-Gibbons Bout July 4th

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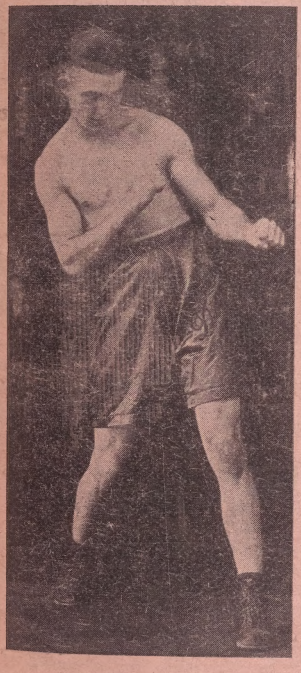

JAMES J. DELANEY

Flashy Light Heavyweight of St. Paul who is a protege of Mike Gibbons. Delaney is only 21 years old but has developed rapidly under the tutelage of the "Phantom."

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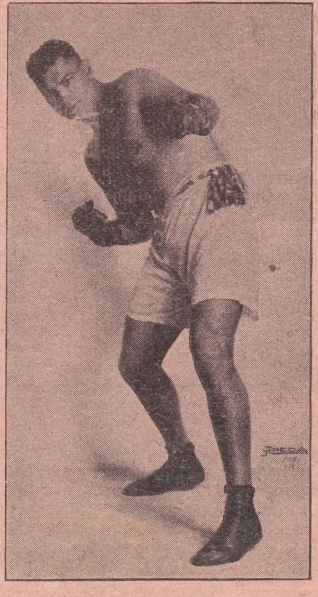
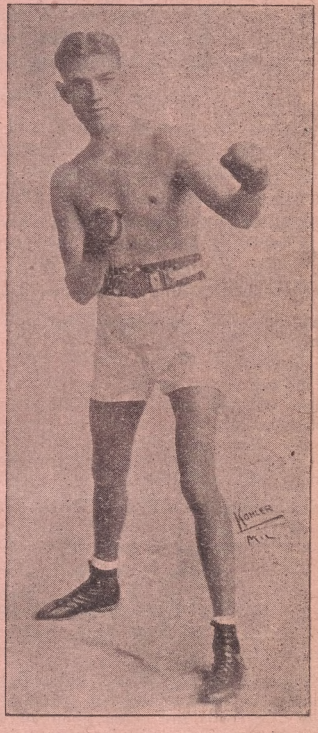
CHAMPION JACK DEMPSEY

Who will defend his title for the first time in two years when he faces Tom Gibbons in a 15-round bout to a decision at Shelby, Montana.





PINKEY MITCHELL

Junior Welterweight Champion wearing The Boxing Blade belt emblematic of the 140-pound title.

Big Advance Sale of Seats for Dempsey-Gibbons Championship Bout Forecasts Sell Out on July 4th

Ticket Sale Already Reaches $300,000 Mark—Orders Pour in by Mail and Wire—Promoters Declare Success of Match Is Assured—Special Trains to Run From All Sections of Country—Railroads Prepare to Handle Big Crowd at Shelby—Neighboring Towns to Help Care For Fans.

BY BOXING BLADE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SHELBY, MONT.—The advance sale of tickets for the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons championship battle here next July 4th has reached the $300,000 mark, according to Promoter Loy J. Molumby and Matchmaker Mike E. Collins.

Reservations are pouring in from all parts of the country by wire and mail, and the seat sale is expected to pass a half million dollars by June 1.

The promoters have been informed that special fight trains will be run from all sections of the country including the Pacific Coast, Middle West, Northwest, Southwest, the Eastern states and Canada. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Spokane, Seattle, Denver, New Orleans, Kansas City, Omaha, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Winnipeg and Vancouver are some of the bigger cities which have already been listed for special trains to the big fight.

Arena Under Way

Work on the arena which will seat 50,000 has been started by the contractors, Buickner & Keane, Montana architectural engineers. With 300 workmen on the job the arena is expected to be completed in twenty days. Over a million feet of lumber will be used in the construction of the bowl. The arena is being built along the lines of the Dempsey-Carpentier arena at Jersey City.

If the seat sale by June 15 warrants it, the arena can be increased to a seating capacity of 100,000 by running seats up the side of the natural bowl, one-half mile west of Shelby.

It was pointed out that if 100,000 persons were accommodated, no spectator would be more than 410 feet from the ring. Plans provide that the first 35 rows will include 10,000 ringside seats, facilities for the press and for the motion picture operators.

F. J. Buscher, division chief of the U. S. internal revenue office at Great Falls, has announced that speculators in tickets will be taxed 50 per cent on their profits.

Seats on Sale in Boxing Centers

Seats have been placed on sale at New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Seattle, San Francisco and Shelby, and also will be available at Great Falls, which is the closest large Montana city to Shelby.

Collins met E. H. Wilde, general passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, at Shelby, and at a conference with him and other railroad officials it was said that 1,200 Pullmans will be arranged to transport fight fans to Shelby, and that dining car service would be provided for 20,000 persons.

Many additional Pullmans will be furnished for the fight it was said. The Shelby Commercial Club will arrange sleeping and eating accommodations for any number of people.

All Montana is taking great interest in the coming fight, and preparations are being made to care for the multitude of visitors on a vast scale. Every automobile trail in the state is being put in first class condition, and the entire state is joining in the effort to make the stay of the visitors enjoyable.

One Town Takes Big Block of Seats

As an indication of the spirit shown throughout the state, Conrad, a town of 2,000, bought and paid for $10,000 worth of ringside seats, and pledged the sale of as many more before the date of the fight at a big booster meeting at which more than 100 prominent citizens and business men participated to further the championship bout, and make plans for caring for the crowds that are expected.

Commander Molumby told many interesting incidents of the difficulties encountered in matching up the big show and recounted the aeroplane trip to Salt Lake City and then later to Chicago to get the signatures of the champion and the challenger to the articles ensuring the fight for Montana. With Tex Rickard and O'Rourke both bidding for the bout, it was no easy matter to get the show for Montana.

Molumby credited Mike Collins with getting the signatures of the boxers' manager, Jack Kearns and Eddie Kane to the articles, thus assuring the fight for Montana instead of New York.

Gibbons Wanted Chance at Title

Gibbons, Collins stated, had been offered $75,000 to fight in the east on July 4, but he passed this offer up to fight in Montana for a percentage of the gate and a chance at the heavyweight championship. Gibbons, according to Collins' statement, was not even guaranteed training expenses. For the first time it was announced that Gibbons would do his training in a number of Montana cities, Conrad, Havre and Great Falls being given the preference. In his itinerary before getting down to serious training, the challenger will appear in every large city in the state.

Molumby and Collins were met at the train by a brass band and escorted to the dining room of the Conrad hotel, where a banquet was given in their honor.

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NO INTERFERENCE WITH FIGHT BY STATE

Helena, Mont.—Upon application of a Helena representative of the American Legion Boxing Club, Toole county post No. 2, American Legion, the state land department executed a lease upon four hundred acres of state lands lying directly southeast of the townsite of Shelby, upon which will be erected the arena for the Dempsey-Gibbons fight on July 4.

The land is rented by the state for a period of one railroad running from Great Falls to Shelby.

This land lies directly southeast of Shelby, its corner nearest to the town being about a quarter of a mile southeast of the townsite, and it is traversed by the line of a railroad running from Great Falls to Dempsey.

So long as the proposed Dempsey-Gibbons fight is conducted within the law, Atty.-Gen. W. A. Rankin will not attempt to interfere with it he announced.

Gov. Joseph M. Dixon is out of the city but he is under-

stood to have told a delegation from Shelby that he will leave the entire matter in the hands of the attorney general.

"The Montana fight law is as long as it is broad," said Atty.-Gen. Rankin.

"It specifically legalizes fifteen round contests with six ounce gloves in a ring which must measure not less than eighteen by twenty-four feet. There are other very rigid provisions, but the law is as specific in granting the right to hold these contests in Montana under restrictions as it is to prohibit contests which do not comply with the restrictions. Consequently, as attorney general, I cannot interfere with the Dempsey-Gibbons contest if they conduct it according to law."

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DEMPSEY WILL START TRAINING AT DEMPSEY CITY

Salt Lake City, Utah. — Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, plans to begin training at "Dempsey City" within a few days for his bout with Tom Gibbons at Shelby, Mont., on July 4. "Dempsey City" is the champion's camp on his coal property, near Helper, Utah.

Until ordered to train elsewhere by Jack Kearns, his manager, Dempsey will get in shape at "Dempsey City," it was stated.

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BUSINESS MEN FORECAST SUCCESS FOR SHELBY BOUT

Great Falls, Mont.—A packed arena, a town overrun by thousands beyond its normal capacity, a $600,000 gate, in fact complete success for the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby, Mont., is the confident forecast of leading business men here. Preparations are being made for the care of 25,000 more persons than the normal local and transient population, and thousands more are expected to halt here on July 3, 4, and 5, on their way by motor to and from the fight city.

Reports from Havre, also, approximately 100 miles from Shelby, are that its capacity likewise will be taxed on these days. Business men of Great Falls contributed $55,000 to the first $100,000 fund needed to bring the fight to Montana, the remainder being subscribed by Havre and other adjacent communities.

Men closely in touch with affairs here forecast exceptionally heavy travel to Glacier National Park, and the attendance at Yellowstone Park also will be greatly stimulated during the last week in June and the first two weeks of July, they predicted.

Inquiries for reservations at hotels in cities near Shelby and at the two national parks support this forecast.

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JACK CONFIDENT HE WILL BEAT TOM GIBBONS

Provo, Utah—Confidence in his ability to defeat Tom Gibbons of St. Paul, in their fight for the heavyweight championship, at Shelby, Mont., on July 4, was expressed by Jack Dempsey, the champion, before he departed for Dempsey City, near here, where he has established temporary training headquarters.

Dempsey asserted that the next fight for the title, after the one at Shelby, "probably will be held at Dempsey City," the coal camp named after the champion in the center of his mine properties.

"When that time might be, I, of course, am unable to say," he declared, "for if the unexpected should happen at Shelby in my meeting Gibbons, it probably shall never occur."

"However, I am not looking forward with any misgivings to my Montana fight, and I am confident that another world title match will be arranged in the near future."

Dempsey expects to spend ten days in training at Dempsey City, he said, and then will leave for Great Falls where he will resume his training.

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KEARNS GETS NEGRO HEAVY FOR CHAMP'S TRAINING CAMP

New York—George Godfrey, negro heavyweight, who aided Floyd Johnson to get in trim for his bout with Jess Willard is the first sparring partner engaged by Manager Kearns for Jack Dempsey. Kearns says he plans to hire two more sparring partners before he leaves for Salt Lake City to join the champion.

Heavyweight Carnival Fails to Bring Out Worthy Opponent For Champion Jack Dempsey

Special to The Boxing Blade

NEW YORK CITY — The heavyweight carnival at the Yankee stadium May 12 for the benefit of the milk fund was a success so far as charitable aspects of the affair were concerned.

As a supposed to be series of elimination contests to pick an opponent for Champion Jack Dempsey, it was nil. Despite the ballyhoo after the show anent the performances of old Jess Willard and the crude Luis Firpo, neither one of them showed anything that would warrant a match with Dempsey. As for the others on the card, they were, after it was over, just a little farther back from where they started when it began.

Willard, with an advantage of 53 pounds in weight and six inches in height, was able to keep his feet for eleven rounds while Floyd Johnson exhausted himself landing his powder puff punches on the massive frame of the "man mountain." Johnson went down once in the ninth round and twice in the eleventh. He failed to respond to the bell for the twelfth and the referee awarded the fight to Willard. The result of this bout failed to surprise, as Johnson had been shown up a short time previous by timid Fred Fulton and Joe Lohman, a third rater.

The Firpo-McAuliffe bout also went according to Hoyle. The Argentine wild man knocked the unknown and unproved Detroit novice for a mess of hot tamale in the third round. McAuliffe acted as though he knew what was coming to him and performed accordingly. The South American has still to pass the test against a real fighter in good shape before he can be classed as a fit contender for Dempsey's crown.

Fred Fulton ran true to form by fouling Jack Renault in the fourth round. Renault was too rough and Freddy didn't care to play with him as was shown by his feeble attempts while the thing lasted.

Tiny Jack Herman kayoed the venerable Al Reich in the last round of their six-round joust. On the part of Reich there was nothing new about this.

The cards are now in proper arrangement for Willard and Firpo to meet in another "survival of the fittest" match.

About 60,000 persons paid $375,000 for the show. The battlers' purses came to $85,000. The milk fund gets what's left after promoting expenses are met.

Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Four years ago Jess Willard, champion heavyweight, was hammered down to defeat by Jack Dempsey at Toledo, Ohio, in three rounds, although the unofficial time was one round. Jess was 36 years old at that time. Now at the age of 40, when most athletes and boxers have long passed their prime, Willard comes back and wins from Floyd Johnson, a strong, young heavyweight, by putting him out in 12 rounds, after a most desperate battle. Big Jess declared that he was in the best condition of his career, except at the time when he won the title from Jack Johnson, colored champion, in Cuba in 1915.

Tom S. Andrews

Willard's condition now only goes to prove what a man can do if he sets about it with determination. It also proves that Jess was too lazy, or thought he did not have to train, for his fight with Dempsey at Toledo, for he was "hog fat" at that time and no doubt his poor condition had much to do with his defeat, for he had a chance to come back after the second round, but the stamina was not there. Willard must have worked hard for six months to get into his present condition, but few sporting men and critics would believe it until they actually saw him in action. Even with his paunch reduced and apparently in the best of shape they could not make themselves believe that Willard would be able to stand the gaff and stick, as they figured the "inner man" would not respond, as was the case with Jim Jeffries when he lost to Jack Johnson. However, Jess did come back and his remarkable work against the young Iowa giant was the best proof of it.

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Another peculiar situation created by Willard's wonderful showing is regarding the action of the New York boxing commission in declaring Willard too old to train and get in shape for a fight, and later issuing a permit for him to take part in a contest. From all accounts the former champion was in about the best condition of the entire outfit of heavies which took part in the tournament at the Yankee Baseball park in New York city under the direction of Tex Rickard.

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As a result of the tourney of heavies Tex Rickard developed a big card for next Labor Day. Luis Firpo, the South American giant, showed again that he is not a false alarm by knocking out Jack McAuliffe of Detroit, claimed to be a very promising heavy, in three rounds. The Detroit boy never had a chance against the South American and Rickard lost no time after the big show was over in getting Willard and Firpo to sign an agreement to fight on June 30th at the same place, the winner to be matched on Labor Day with the winner of the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons contest at Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

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On the same card was Fred Fulton, challenger for several years, and Jack Renault, the young Canadian champion. The Minnesota "plasterer" fouled the Canadian in the fourth round and was disqualified. Up to that time Renault had the better of the fight and would no doubt have won anyway.

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Now the arguments will be hot and heavy as to who will cop the decision when Willard and Firpo meet. Jess will be a favorite without a doubt in the betting, but the South American will not be lacking in backing. He has demonstrated that he can hit hard and that he can stand punishment. These are very essential in a real fighter's makeup. The critics will ask now—can Jess stand the strain of continued training? He worked gradually for six months to get into the shape he displayed against Floyd Johnson, but continued training may cause a breakdown, the same as overtraining causes many athletes to go "stale." Should Jess defeat Firpo then he would have plenty of backing against Dempsey for the Labor Day battle, providing of course that the champion defeats Tommy Gibbons.

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Tex Rickard is fortunate indeed in having breaks in the heavyweight dispute and the summer of 1923 promises to be even greater for him than that of 1921 when he staged the Dempsey-Carpentier battle and set a record for big receipts at boxing matches.

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According to information coming from the far west the boxing fans of that section are all worked up over the Dempsey-Gibbons match for July 4th. Over $300,000 worth of tickets have already been ordered and it looks like a $700,000 gate at least. Some of the followers of the game are of the opinion that Dempsey's long lay-off—two years—will lessen his chances, but those who know Dempsey think differently. Jack may have been away from big matches, but he has kept in light training almost all the while and has kept his "boxing eye" in the best of shape. He knows the game and is taking no wild chances. Tommy Gibbons can well afford to take the chance, but the odds will all be on the champion.

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According to an American-Italian, Silvino Pietro, just back from Europe, the fighting game has taken strong hold in Italy, despite some of the horrible blunders made by the green promoters there.

"They are very enthusiastic and want to be champions in a hurry," said Pietro," but that is where they make a serious mistake. They have had some successful shows at Rome, Naples and other cities, but the promoters don't realize that they are a little back of the real class boxers. They scoured England and France for talent of the better class to appear in bouts of merit or exhibitions.

"The Italians prided themselves that in Bruno Frattini they had an embryo European champion at the middleweight limit. Frattini had beaten Prunier, the French champion, in one round and inflicted the same dose on DePas, the Belgian title holder. On the strength of these victories, they matched him with Ted Moore, the clever British middleweight, who stands next to Champion Roland Todd. Moore and Frattini met at Rome, but the game Frattini could not withstand the punching Moore handed out and in the 11th round was forced to quit. Frattini really showed splendid form and should not have been sacrificed so soon against a clever fighter like Moore.. With careful nursing he would have made a big hit anywhere. They have several good prospects among the feathers and lightweights, but Spalla, the heavyweight, needs more experience. The fans go wild over the good bouts and it looks as though Italy will be added to the real boxing centers of Europe. I really think the Italians will grasp boxing quicker than did the French. Just watch their smoke a year or two hence! Of course the American soldiers were responsible for taking the boxing game into Italy, but the 'Wops' have been good pupils and will be heard from before long."

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The trip of Eugene Criqui, European featherweight champion, to the United States for the purpose of meeting Johnny Kilbane in a world's championship match, has proven a costly affair so far to the French boy and his manager, R. Eudeline.

Before leaving France Criqui supposed everything was all set for his bout with Kilbane at the Polo Grounds, New York, June 2, but since arriving here nearly seven weeks ago he has had nothing but trouble and expense. The London and Paris papers figure that Eudeline is out of pocket fully $25,000 by his move and not certain of the big match even now. The papers point out that Criqui had two matches in London which would have netted him $50,000 and without the paying of a bix tax to the American government.

There is no doubt that the French boy has received poor treatment since his arrival in the states, due to the New York commission declaring Kil-

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

—By Arthur T. Lumley

NEW YORK managers are delighted with square treatment they receive from Chicago boxing promoters.

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Dan Morgan especially praises the Windy City Club officials.

Arthur T. Lumley

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"They play fair and don't try to bunk you like our New Yorkers," declared Dan enthusiastically.

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There's no hoggish boxing trust in Chicago as there is in Gotham.

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But the clique that controls the game here are not really New Yorkers.

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They are a band of outsiders who look upon New Yorkers as a prime flock of suckers.

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At the Garden recently Jimmy Hutchinson was given a very rank, unjust decision over Sid Flake.

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The Commish passed the outrageous verdict over without a murmur.

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Just as they have many other rank decisions and violations that have occurred at the Garden.

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The secret ballot system in judging bouts should be wiped out.

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It's absolutely unfair to a judge or referee who renders an honest, expert decision.

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Why should they be obliged to stand for the sins of the unscrupulous ring officials?

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The public is surely entitled to know who the crooked or incompetent referees and judges are.

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Some fly Broadway gamblers openly brag that they can get too many of these ring arbiters.

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And quite frequently bet their coin on a sure thing.

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Again, may I ask, why don't the Commish weed out the incompetent and crooked referees and judges?

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Is it because they have some political power behind them?

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Honest, expert referees and judges are sidetracked for the unworthy political heelers.

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Under such deteriorating conditions, how can we have real honest boxing?

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Simon Flaherty is on the way to make a big success of his Queensboro Club this summer.

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Manager Flaherty is one of the real Simon pure promoters around here.

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New York fans who know boxing are very anxious to see Jimmy Delaney of St. Paul in action here.

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Several of them who saw Jimmy box in Chicago declare him to be a finished artist.

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It's rumored around that there'll be quite a change in the Garden staff shortly.

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Ike Dorgan, the principal publicity agent here, has already been replaced.

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The last two shows booked for the Garden were certainly fine bloomers.

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Maybe that's because Bill Muldoon lost interest in boxing bouts.

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The autocratic Muldoon, however, seems to be lost in the new shuffle as it were.

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William McCormack, the personal friend and business partner of Gov. Al. Smith, looms up as the real mogul of the Commish.

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Mr. McCormack is a hard-headed wealthy business man and an enthusiastic fan.

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He has knocked out all of Muldoon's foolish rules and monkey shines.

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So along with George E. Brower, the only legal member of the board, boxing is becoming fairly normal here.

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And if Messrs. McCormack and Brower knew the boxing game thoroughly, they would probably clean house.

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But neither of these gentlemen has had the real hard inside experience.

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Especially with the parasites who rob poor fighters.

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And the cheap matchmakers who take their cut from struggling managers, etc.

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There's all sorts of detestable grafting going on around the clubs.

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But how can a commissioner know all this except he gets to the root of the evils?

One can never discover the abuses sitting in an office listening to a lot of birds spoofing him.

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And maybe these wise coocoos can't sing a sweet, soothing lullaby.

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They have charmed many a former commissioner before by their artful Keflooey.

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Even the immaculate Muldoon fell for their cheese cake.

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Dan Morgan offered to put Charley Fitzsimmons on the Milk Fund Show gratis.

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But that would have made the other boxers look none too charitable, so Fitz's services were not accepted.

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Some of the boys are still wondering why Tex Rickard paid the fighters such big purses for a Charity Show?

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And why the other expenses were so excessive?

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Jimmy Bronson declares that Bobby Garcia is the greatest featherweight in captivity.

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Bobby is of Mexican-Indian blood and is still a soldier in the U. S. Army.

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Manager Bronson, by the way, is betting that Tom Gibbons will defeat Jack Dempsey on July 4th.

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So is Jack Britton and quite a number of the Broadway boxing experts.

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Leo P. Flynn has donated a big photo of himself to a blind asylum.

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Boxer before the Commish: "Your highness, I'm very deaf. I couldn't hear the bell."

Muldoon: "Bosh! You'll get your hearing at our next meeting."

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"Nick Foley will be a great fighter after he gets a few more beatings," says Jimmy Marsh, manager of the Broadway Club, Brooklyn.

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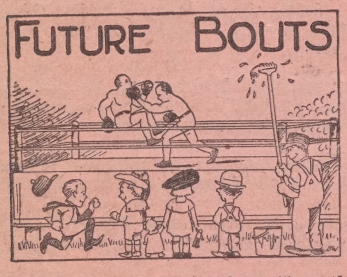


Jack Dempsey vs. Tom Gibbons, 15 rounds, Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Johnny Kilbane vs. Eugene Criqui, 15 rounds, New York City, June 2nd.

Jimmy Wilde vs. Pancho Villa, 15 rounds, New York City, June 16th.

Georges Carpentier vs. Joe Beckett, 20 rounds, London, England, June 14th.

James J. Delaney vs. Ted Jamieson, 12 rounds, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 30th.

Pinky Mitchell vs. Benny Leonard, 10 rounds, Chicago, Ill., May 26th.

Ritchie Mitchell vs. Joe Jawson, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., May 25th.

Ray Pryel vs. Italian Joe Dempsey, 12 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., May 28th.

Harry Galfund vs. Frankie Pitcher, 12 rounds, New York City, May 25th.

Nat Pincus vs. Jack Feldman, 6 rounds, New York City, May 25th.

Marty Silvers vs. Harry Mulcahy, 6 rounds, New York City, May 25th.

Joey Silvers vs. Al Ketchell, 6 rounds, New York City, May 25th.

Jimmy Kelley vs. Moe Herscovitch, 12 rounds, Troy, N. Y., May 28th.

Jimmy Kelly vs. Eddie Shevlin, 10 rounds, Woonsocket, R. I., May 30th.

Jack McVey vs. Hugo Clemens, 10 rounds, Troy, N. Y., May 28th.

Bobby Lyons vs. Frankie Laurette, 12 rounds, Troy, N. Y., May 21st.

Sid Bernard vs. Harry Nelson, 10 rounds, Troy, N. Y., May 21st.

Jeff Smith vs. Jamaica Kid, 12 rounds, Portland, Maine, May 22nd.

Pal Moran vs. Basil Galiano, 15 rounds, New Orleans, La., May 28th.

Eddie Brady vs. Red Dolan, 10 rounds, New Orleans, La., May 28th.

Georgie Adams vs. Johnny Solberg, Brooklyn, N. Y., May 21st.

Frankie Genaro vs. Herb Schaeffer, 10 rounds, Indianapolis, Ind., May 29th.

Bobby Wolgast vs. Pancho Villa, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

Elino Flores vs. Joe Tiplitz, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

Patsy Wallace vs. Johnny Buff, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

Andy (Kid) Palmer vs. Lou Bogash, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

George (K. O.) Chaney vs. Danny Kramer, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

Lew Tendler vs. Pal Moran, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24th.

Jack Fowler vs. Mercy Montez, Neuvo Laredo, Mexico, May 20th.

Billie Cosmos vs. Tom White, San Antonio, Texas, May 22nd.

Curley Laughlin vs. Billy Conley, Enid, Okla., May 28th.

Jimmy Cole vs. Villian of Manila, 6 rounds, Leavenworth, Wash., May 16th.

Leo Stokes vs. Billy Harms, 6 rounds, Everett, Wash., May 21st.

Tut Jackson vs. Tiger Flowers, Toledo, Ohio, May 25th.

Tut Jackson vs. Kid Norfolk, Springfield, Ohio, May 28th.

K. O. Jeakle vs. Jimmie Brady, Lima, Ohio, May 25th.

K. O. Jeakle vs. Chas. White of Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, June 4th.

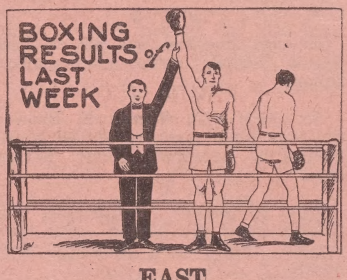
Eddie Boehme vs. Dick Conlon, Sheboygan, Wis., May 22nd.

Russie LeRoy vs. Walter Rooney, 10 rounds, Havre, Mont., June 1st.

"Rusty" Evans vs. "Kid" Morley, 10 rounds, Hastings, Neb., May 18th.

Young "Bob" Fitzsimmons vs. Soldier Jones, 10 rounds, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 19th.

Tim O'Dowd vs. Sammy Mandell, 10 rounds, Atlanta, Ga., May 24th.



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Jess Willard knocked out Floyd Johnson, eleventh round at New York City, May 12th.

Louis Firpo knocked out Jack McAuliffe, third round at New York City, May 12th.

Jack Renault won on a foul from Fred Fulton in the fourth round at New York City, May 12th.

Tiny Herman knocked out Al Reich, sixth round at New York City, May 12th.

Harry Drake defeated Joe McCann, four rounds at New York City, May 12th.

Kid Lewis defeated Johnny Gray, twelve rounds at New York City, May 11th.

Jim Henry defeated Joe Skinner at New York City, May 11th.

Abe Goldstein defeated Art Wander, ten rounds at Syracuse, N. Y., May 11th.

Babe Herman defeated Joey Baker, ten rounds at Syracuse, N. Y., May 11th.

George Fox and Kid Blair boxed ten rounds to a draw at Syracuse, N. Y., May 11th.

Sam Mossberg defeated Young Tiger, twelve rounds at Hoboken, N. J., May 11th.

Jackie McCoy knocked out Skelly Lewis, third round at Hoboken, N. J., May 11th.

K. O. Phil Kaplan defeated Jimmy Kelly, twelve rounds at New York City, May 7th.

Charley Murray defeated Buck Walters at New York City, May 7th.

Sid Bert knocked out Ritchie Holmes, fourth round at New York City, May 7th.

Sammy Bienfeld defeated Murray Bressner, at New York City, May 7th.

Jack Bernstein defeated Elino Flores, fifteen rounds, at New York City, May 8th.

Sammy Cohen and Willie Darcy boxed twelve rounds to a draw at New York City, May 8th.

Danny Edwards defeated Wee Wee Willie Spencer, ten rounds, at New York City, May 8th.

Henny Catena defeated Bobby Doyle, ten rounds, at New York City, May 8th.

Mike Morley defeated Billy Houlihan, ten rounds, at New York City, May 8th.

Irish Johnny Curtin and Providence Terry Martin boxed twelve rounds to a draw in Harlem, New York City, May 5th.

Jackie McCoy knocked out Joe Carmel, eighth round in Harlem, New York City, May 5th.

Kid Sullivan and Dutch Brandt boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 5th.

Al Felder knocked out Bernie Bedou, eighth round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 5th.

Johnny Clinton defeated Ray Pryel, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 7th.

Joey Silvers and Moe Ginsberg boxed six rounds to a draw, at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 7th.

Harry Gaba defeated Joe Tobin, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 7th.

Lew Chester defeated Charlie Picker, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 7th.

Buddy Saunders knocked out Harry Snedden, fifth round, at Staten Island, N. Y., May 7th.

Wilbur Cohen defeated Johnny Russell at Staten Island, N. Y., May 7th.

Frankie LaFay defeated Willie Garber, twelve rounds, at Troy, N. Y., May 7th.

Johnny Clocough defeated Kid Pershing, twelve rounds, at Troy, N. Y., May 7th.

Frankie Schoell defeated Bryan Downey, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Jimmy Slattery defeated Jimmy Sullivan, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Willie Herman defeated Luke Carr, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Tommy Phillips and Harry Cook boxed six rounds to a draw, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Teddy Joyce and Freddie Thompson boxed to a draw, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Kid Vic and Frank Muzdy boxed to a draw at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th.

Mike Dempsey won on a foul from Alex Trambitas in the seventh round, at Albany, N. Y., May 8th.

Sandy Taylor defeated Jimmie Gardy at Albany, N. Y., May 8th.

Willie McNulty knocked out Sid Buller, first round, at Yonkers, N. Y., May 10th.

Bobby Bolin defeated Harry Aarons, six rounds, at Yonkers, N. Y., May 10th.

Eddie (Kid) Wagner defeated Lew Paluo ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., May 8th.

"Red" O'Grady defeated "Spike" Hennessy eight rounds, at Boston, Mass., May 11th.

Mickey Landers defeated Irish Kid Williams eight rounds, at Boston, Mass., May 11th.

"Teddy" Victor knocked out Harry Ah Chung, third round at Boston, Mass., May 11th.

Eddie Williams knocked out Bert Skillet, second round, at Boston, Mass., May 11th.

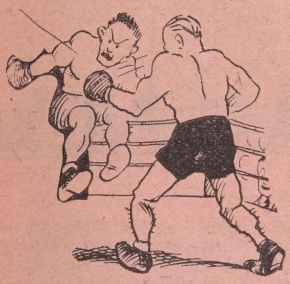
Billy Brewster knocked out Bob Conlon, fifth round, at Boston, Mass., May 11th.

Irish Johnny Curtin defeated Chick Soggs, ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., May 11th.

Romeo Roach defeated Earl Baird, ten rounds at Holyoke, Mass., May 11th.

Kid Caron knocked out Al. Spfta, fourth round at Holyoke, Mass., May 11th.

Frankie Farmer knocked out Willie Stanton, third round at Scranton, Pa., May 10th.



Charley Manty defeated Tommy Flanagan, ten rounds at New Bedford, Mass., May 7th.

Buddy Clark defeated Billy Nelson, ten rounds at Lynn, Mass., May 7th.

Bobby Wolgast defeated Sammy Novia, eight rounds at Atlantic City, N. J., May 7th.

Joe Garrity knocked out Eddie Record, first round at Lancaster, Pa., May 7th.

Leo Houck defeated Buck Aston, ten rounds at Lancaster, Pa., May 7th.

Lou Bogash defeated Jackie Clark, ten rounds at Allentown, Pa., May 7th.

Indian Russell defeated Al Moore, eight rounds at Allentown, Pa., May 7th.

Ivory Eshelman knocked out Joe McGuire, third round at Allentown, Pa., May 7th.

Dick Conlon defeated Bobby Williams, ten rounds at Altoona, Pa., May 8th.

Charley Confer knocked out Otto Hughes, third round at Altoona, Pa., May 8th.

Mickey Burket knocked out Kid Means, fourth round at Altoona, Pa., May 8th.

Dave Roberts and Red Cuzzalina boxed six rounds to a draw at Altoona, Pa., May 8th.

Bearcat Clemons knocked out "Casey" Jones, third round at Logan, W. Va., May 2nd.

Kid Kennedy defeated Harry Roth, eight rounds at Logan W. Va., May 2nd.

K. O. Singleton knocked out Young Mooney, fifth round at Logan, W. Va., May 2nd.

Young Weiner and K. O. Grover boxed to a draw at Logan, W. Va., May 2nd.

Johnny McIntyre defeated Dick Hirsch at Portland, Maine, May 1st.

Jack Hoctor and Jack Conley boxed to a draw at Portland, Maine., May 1st.

Young Chassi and Billy Morley boxed six rounds to a draw at Portland, Maine, May 1st.

Frankie Farmer defeated Phil McGraw, eight rounds at Detroit, Mich., May 7th.

Jimmy Land defeated Duke Bagley, six rounds at Detroit, Mich., May 7th.

Tommy Hughes defeated Young Vanness, six rounds at Detroit, Mich., May 7th.

Jimmy Gordon and Jimmy Brown boxed six rounds to a draw at Middletown, Ohio, May 8th.

Correction—Our May 5th issue of The Boxing Blade in the Result Column published that K. O. Mars defeated K. O. Jeakle, ten rounds at Indianapolis, Ind., April 17th. From information and clipping received from K. O. Jeakle, Bradner, Ohio, he defeated K. O. Mars.

Jimmy Gordon and Fighting Ferraris boxed six rounds to a draw at Hamilton, Ohio, May 4th.

Don Carson knocked out Kid Howard, fifth round at Hamilton, Ohio, May 4th.

Young Specht defeated Toney Buck, four rounds at Hamilton, Ohio, May 4th.

Carl Tremaine defeated Johnny Ertle, twelve rounds at Columbus, Ohio, May 7th.

Kid Norfolk knocked out Tiger Flowers, first round at Springfield, Ohio, May 8th.

Ted Joyce defeated Mog Pugh, twelve rounds at Youngstown, Ohio, May 11th.

MIDDLE WEST

Joey Fox and Ernie Gooseman boxed ten rounds to a draw at Milwaukee, Wis., May 14th.

Roy Conley defeated Joe Gans, ten rounds at Milwaukee, Wis., May 14th.

Jack Schroeder defeated Chuck Lambert, ten rounds at Milwaukee, Wis., May 14th.

Pancho Villa defeated Battling Murray, ten rounds at Chicago, Ill., May 11th.

Jimmy Darcy knocked out Danny Needham, fourth round at Chicago, Ill., May 11th.

Frankie Schaefer defeated Billy Henry, ten rounds at Chicago, Ill., May 11th.

Stanley Darcy knocked out Corporal Fredericks, sixth round at Urbana, Ill., April 30th.

Jack Webb knocked out Phil Linski, seventh round at Urbana, Ill., April 30th.

Young Harden defeated Casey Jones, six rounds at Urbana, Ill., April 30th.

Correction—Our May 12th issue of The Boxing Blade in the Result Column published that Jack Zalice defeated Joe Sielaff, eight rounds at Milwaukee, Wis., April 23rd. From information and clipping received from Doc. Hoffman, 84½ Locust St., Milwaukee, Wis., Jack Zalice and Joe Sieloff boxed eight rounds to a draw.

SOUTH

Claude Wilson defeated Bobby Hughes, fifteen rounds at Shreveport, La., May 7th.

Bobby Green defeated Red Herring, eight rounds at Memphis, Tenn., May 7th.

Babe Herman defeated Harry Kabakoff, ten rounds at St. Louis, Mo., May 7th.

Billy McCann defeated Young Leonard, fifteen rounds at New Orleans, La., May 7th.

Kid Guff knocked out Young Fernandes, second round at New Orleans, La., May 7th.

Al Pettingill and Aguinaldo Kid boxed six rounds to a draw at New Orleans, La., May 7th.

Charlie Feraci defeated Tim O'Dowd, fifteen rounds at New Orleans, La., May 11th.

Joe Campau knocked out Young Carver, first round at New Orleans, La., May 11th.

Sailor Revet defeated Sailor Nagum, six rounds at New Orleans, La., May 11th.

Jim Levy defeated Kid Herman, four rounds at New Orleans, La., May 11th.

"Red" MacLachlin and Battling Budd boxed ten rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., May 11th.

Freddie Boorde knocked out Joe Luke, third round at Atlanta, Ga., May 11th.

Battling Bond knocked out Battling Smith, first round at Atlanta, Ga., May 11th.

Kid Gibbs knocked out Knockout Gilkerson, fourth round at Atlanta, Ga., May 11th.

Hank Griffith and K. O. Crosby boxed six rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., May 11th.

Mickey O'Dowd defeated Oscar Raff, ten rounds at Lexington, Ky., May 7th.

Wildcat Sells knocked out Herb Ryan, sixth round at Globe, Ariz., May 7th.

Eddie King defeated Chet Neff, six rounds at Globe, Ariz., May 7th.

PACIFIC COAST

Travie Davis defeated Jim Marcus, six rounds at Seattle, Wash., May 8th.

Mike Paulson and Oakland Billy Harms boxed six rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., May 8th.

Jimmy Storey defeated Lee Morrissey, four rounds at Seattle, Wash., May 8th.

Ted Krache and Solly Seaman boxed six rounds to a draw at Aberdeen, Wash., May 8th.

Joe Bellow knocked out Filipino Hari, third round at Aberdeen, Wash., May 8th.

Bobby Harper defeated Eddie Landon, six rounds at Tacoma, Wash., May 10th.

Lackey Morrow knocked out Ben Tracey, second round at Tacoma, Wash., May 10th.

Frankie Zink defeated Benny Dotson at Tacoma, Wash., May 10th.

Young Sam Langford defeated Art Serano at Tacoma, Wash., May 10th.

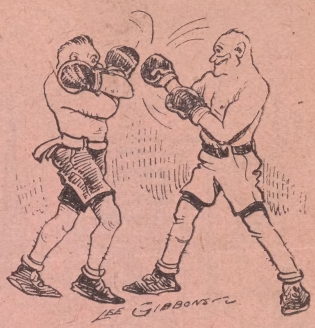
Billy Sheridan defeated Joe Kennedy at Tacoma, Wash., May 10th.

Dode Bercot defeated Georgie Burns, at Everett, Wash., May 10th.

Billy Harms defeated Percy Walker at Everett, Wash., May 10th.

Pattie McDonald knocked out Faller Cole, third round at Everett, Wash., May 10th.

Bus Bairie knocked out Young Wright, second round at La Grande, Ore, May 3rd.



Jimmy Coker knocked out Ralph Wright, fourth round at La Grande, Ore., May 3rd.

Mike Depinto defeated Kid Sarp, six rounds at La Grande, Ore., May 3rd.

"Tuffy" Wing defeated Sailor Walters, four rounds at San Pedro, Calif., May 10th.

Jackie Norman defeated Kid Moha, four rounds at San Pedro, Calif., May 10th.

Steve Bish defeated Bud Nelson, four rounds at San Pedro, Calif., May 10th.

Jimmy Sacco defeated Terry McGowan, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Dick Hoppe defeated Bert Morgan, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Mike O'Leary and Gene Watson boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Roy Riley defeated Art Springer, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Young Roberts defeated Sailor Smith, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Ray Kronick and Micy Rockson boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

Jimmy Ryan and Jack Lynn boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., May 11th.

MEXICO

Sam Langord knocked out Andres Balsas, third round at Mexico City, Mexico, May 6th.

Battling Carpintier knocked out Art Flores, first round at Mexico City, Mexico, May 6th.

Mart Zavala knocked out Kid Sunday, second round at Mexico City, Mexico, May 6th.

Kid Valadez defeated Pete Gonzalez, four rounds at Mexico City, Mexico, May 6th.

Chas. Pavon and Max Cuevas boxed eight rounds to a draw at Mexico City, May 6th.

CANADA

Horace Robert defeated Jakey Sherman, ten rounds at Montreal, Quebec, May 4th.

George Gibbons knocked out George LeBlanc, third round at Montreal, Quebec, May 4th.

Georgie Sollis defeated Stan McBride at Vancouver, B. C., May 4th.

Eddie Jackson defeated Ben Tracey at Vancouver, B. C., May 4th.

Babe Foote defeated Frankie Green at Vancouver, B. C., May 4th.

EUROPE

Joe Beckett knocked out Dick Smith, seventeenth round at London, England, May 14th.

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BOXING NEWS

SMALL HOUSE SEES VILLA AT CHICAGO

Chicago. — Pancho Villa, former American flyweight champion, won from Battling Murray of Philadelphia in a fast ten round bout here May 11. Murray broke his nose in the ninth when the two boxers butted heads in a fast exchange of blows as both were in the center of the ring.

A small house, not sufficient to pay the guarantees, delayed the start of the bouts until after 10 o'clock. Villa had left the hall but returned when the Chicago chapter of the national sports alliance guaranteed it would make good the deficit. The bouts ended after midnight.

The small box office receipts caused a substitution for Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia, carded in a ten round bout with Jimmy Darcy. Danny Needham, who took Loughran's place, went down for the count of eight in the fourth round and Darcy was awarded the bout on a technical knockout.

Frankie Schaefer outpointed Billy Henry in ten rounds.

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WILSON ASKS $10,000 TO BOX YOUNG STRIBLING

Columbus, Ga.—Five thousand dollars of a $10,000 guarantee demanded by the manager of Johnny Wilson, middleweight boxing champion of the world, to meet Young Stribling, of Macon, here during the year, has been subscribed by local fans, according to a statement by Major J. Paul Jones, chairman of the state boxing commission of the American Legion.

Negotiations have been under way for some time to get Wilson to meet Stribling here and recently a proposition was received from Wilson's manager demanding the guarantee with a no-decision privilege.

It was announced by Major Jones that Stribling would battle Jimmy Darcy, of New York, contender for the middleweight crown, in Columbus, June 4.

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CARPENTIER THROUGH, SAY FRENCH CRITICS

Paris.—Georges Carpentier, former idol of France, has reached the end of his string and should retire from the ring, according to the verdict of Paris boxing critics who saw him knock out Marcel Nilles, French heavyweight.

Although Carpentier won, it was the general opinion that even a second rate American heavyweight would have finished Georges in the second round when Nilles clipped him on the jaw and had him out on his feet.

Nilles beat him down with body blows, and had he not been timid about going in he might have won.

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KID ROY WINS CANADIAN FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Montreal, Canada—Kid Leo Roy of this city won the featherweight championship of Canada by knocking out Curly Wilshur of Toronto in the second round. Roy gave an exhibition of cool-headed, clever boxing and swift deadly punching that will carry him into higher honors in the fistic game. George Gibbons, local welterweight, lived up to his reputation as a heavy puncher by stopping George LeBlanc in the third round. Horace Roberts won a decision over Jakey Sherman in ten rounds. They are lightweights.

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U. S. NAVY BOXERS WIN IN PANAMA

Sailor Patchett, a fighting man in Uncle Sam's navy, writes from the Panama Canal zone regarding the activities of the navy boxers attached to ships in southern waters. Slim Finnegan of the American battle fleet, defeated Jose Lombardo, native featherweight champion of Panama, knocking him down several times and beating him badly. Ramon Arsomena, Panama lightweight champ, got a trouncing from Charley Pitts, the Australian battler. Patchett says that he himself won the flyweight championship of Central America and Northern South America by beating Kid Troncoso twice.

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LEGION BRINGS BOXING BACK IN SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga.—The boxing game, which had become somewhat of a dead issue in this town, has been revived by the American Legion who stage shows at the Auditorium regularly. Interest in the sport has picked up since the Legion boys took hold and the shows are well attended. At the last show here Claude Wilson of Birmingham, Ala., knocked out Tim Callahan of New Olreans in the second round. Johnnie Marlow, local featherweight is regarded as the most promising battler ever developed in this section. His admirers expect to see him battling the topnotchers in his class in the near future.

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FRANKIE SMITH AFTER BIGGER GAME

Des Moines, Ia.—Frankie Smith, classy local bantamweight, is ready for a crack at the big guns in his division. Smith, who always weighs in at 116 pounds, has defeated the best bantams in this section and has been forced to fight featherweights in order to get bouts. Manager Pete Gillette is confident he has a topnotcher in Smith and wants to put him against the best bantams in the country.

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JOEY FOX OUTPOINTS GOOZEMAN IN 10 ROUNDS

Milwaukee, Wis.—Joey Fox, featherweight champion of England and holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt, outpointed Ernie Goozeman of Los Angeles in ten fast rounds here May 14, the Englishman scoring all his points with a rapier like left, which the Coast boy was unable to cope with.

In the ten rounds semi-windup Roy Conley of Milwaukee defeated Dago Joe Gans of St. Paul in one of the bloodiest battles witnessed in a Wisconsin ring. Gans was dropped to the canvas in the first round, but was up before the referee could start the count. Again in the second round he was unable to meet the wild rushes of Conley, who battered him to the resin with hard rights to the jaw. Gans took an eight count in the second knockdown.

In the ten-round opener Chuck Lambert of St. Paul was beaten by Jack Schoendorf of Milwaukee in a rather slow bout.

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PAL MORAN DEFENDS HIS SOUTHERN TITLE

New Orleans.—Pal Moran, Southern lightweight champion, will defend his title in a scheduled fifteen round decision bout with Basil Galiano on May 28. Moran already holds one decision over Galiano, and is confident that he will repeat, although Galiano has improved considerably during the last year. In the ten-

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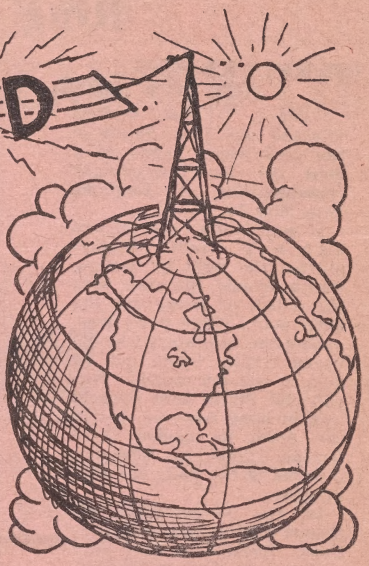

round semi-final, Eddie Brady, the Brooklyn featherweight, will hook up with Red Dolan, of New Orleans.

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RAY PRYEL MATCHED WITH JOE DEMPSEY

Brooklyn.—Ray Pryel, crack Pittsburgh lightweight, made such a sensational showing against Johnny Clinton at the Broadway Exhibition Association on May 7 that he has been signed to box at the same club on May 28. His opponent will be Italian Joe Dempsey, the rugged and hard-hitting Brooklynite, and the bout is scheduled for twelve rounds. If successful against Dempsey, Pryel will meet Clinton in a return bout to be staged at Ebbets Field the second week in June.

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BRITISH MIDDLEWWEIGHT REAL ROUGH SCRAPPER

New York.—George West, the aggressive English middleweight, in his three starts in this country knocked out Soldier Lawson, Mike O'Keefe and on a day's notice traveled to Hartford, where he easily defeated the Connecticut state champion, Mike Morley. West, unlike the usual run of English fighters, is a rip-tearing fellow and fairly thrives on rough going.

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GEORGES TO RETIRE AFTER SIKI BATTLE

Paris.—Georges Carpentier's bout with Battling Siki here on September 16 next will be his last, according to l'Auto. "Win or lose, I leave the ring for good and all," Carpentier is quoted as saying.

Georges is scheduled to fight Joe Beckett on June 14, but says the condition of his hands may prevent the meeting.

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FRANKIE SCHOELL BEATS BRYAN DOWNEY

Buffalo, N. Y.—Bryan Downey, Ohio middleweight, lost the decision here in a six round bout with Frankie Schoell of Buffalo. Downey weighed 156 pounds and Schoell 147 pounds.

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HARRY GREB RECOVERS FROM INFECTED ARM

Pittsburgh.—Harry Greb, former American light heavyweight champion boxer, has been discharged from Mercy hospital, and left immediately for New York City, where his manager, James Mason, has been conferring with promoters on the question of bouts with Mike McTigue and Johnny Wilson. Greb spent a week at the hospital, recovering from an operation for the relief of an infected arm. Before leaving for the east, Greb said he hoped to meet Wilson for the middleweight title, and McTigue for the light heavyweight crown, in New York the coming summer.

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WILLIE RITCHIE TO TRY TO COME BACK

San Francisco. — Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion of the world, announced here he would essay a "comeback" in the pugilistic world and will shortly challenge Benny Leonard, the title holder. Since his retirement from the ring nearly eight years ago, Ritchie has been in business in San Francisco. He is 32 years old.

Ritchie lost his lightweight championship to Freddy Welsh in a twenty-round fight in London in July, 1914. He won the title in San Francisco in November, 1912, by defeating Ad Wolgast. Ritchie came into fistic prominence at Los Angeles in 1911, when substituting for Wolgast, who was suddenly taken ill, he stayed through twenty rounds with Freddie Welsh the English lightweight.

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KID NORFOLK KAYOS TIGER FLOWERS IN FIRST

Springfield, O.—Kid Norfolk, of New York, successfully defended his title of world's colored light heavyweight champion here by dropping Tiger Flowers, of Atlanta, Ga., after two minutes and fifty seconds of fighting in the first round.

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BAT NELSON REFUSED INSTRUCTOR'S JOB

San Francisco.—Battling Nelson is still as busy as ever, although he no longer tries to fight. Bat has settled in California. Recently he made application for a position as boxing instructor at Stanford university. Nelson said he wanted a college education and thought he might be allowed to work his way through. Evidently the authorities were not impressed with Bat's ability as an instructor for they turned him down. Nelson's ring technique was not exactly the kind taught in college gyms.

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JOHNNY WILSON IS GIVEN NEW YORK LICENSE

New York.—The new licensing commission, which works in conjunction with the state boxing commission granted a license to Johnny Wilson, of Boston, whose claim to the title of world's middleweight champion was denied by the commission last year when he failed to meet Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, who had challenged him.

Whether recognition as champion—already extended everywhere except in this state—went with the license was not made clear. The title holder this state has recognized is Jock Malone, of St. Paul, who took it from Mike O'Dowd, a fellow townsman. O'Dowd won it in an elimination bout with Dave Rosenberg, of Brooklyn.

The commission also granted a license to Eugene Criqui, the French boxer, who has been matched to meet Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, for the world's featherweight title.

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DON CURLEY'S BOXERS TO BATTLE IN MEXICO

San Antonio, Texas.—Don Curley, former lightweight boxer who fought Charlie White and others of the best men in the country of his weight, is now a resident of this city and has blossomed out as a manager of boxers. Under his direction now are Jack Fowler, lightweight; Billie Cosmos, lightweight; Jack Willis, welterweight; "Curley" Laughlin, middleweight; Jack Voit and "Young" Spence, heavyweights. Rabbit Palmer will also be a member of Curley's string of fighters after he is discharged from the army next month at Camp Travis. Curley is keeping his boys busy throughout the South and West and in the border cities along the Rio Grande. He has an offer from a Mexico City promoter to bring three of his fighters, Fowler, Willis and Laughlin to the Mexican metropolis for a series of fights, with two championship finish fights included. Curley was piloting Babe Asher, the A. E. F. bantam champion, through a Southern campaign until recently when the little fellow suffered an eye infection and was forced to return to his Chicago home for a rest.

Ring Happenings in Europe

BECKETT KNOCKS OUT DICK SMITH

London. — Joe Beckett knocked out Dick Smith in the seventeenth round of a bout for the heavyweight championship of England, here May 14.

It was another case of age against youth. Beckett started the fight by forcing Smith around the ring with the object of tiring out the older man. There were those among the spectators who believed Smith would not be able to last ten rounds. Not only did Smith hold Beckett well in hand however, but in the tenth he landed three terrific rights to Beckett's jaw and at the gong had him groggy.

In the seventeenth, although Smith continued cautious, Beckett caught him with a right, flush to the jaw. Smith's knees sagged, he tried to shake off the effects of the blow, but Beckett seeing his advantage, stepped, and taking measure again swung a right to the jaw and Smith fell to the canvas and was counted out.

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BY THE BOXING MAJOR

LONDON, ENGLAND.—By his defeat of Billy Matthews in Paris, Emile Mascart, the new French featherweight star, becomes a legitimate contender for the European and French titles held by his fellow countryman, Eugene Criqui. There is no mistake about the defeat of Matthews, albeit the Londoner exhibited exceptional courage before he was ordered to his corner by the referee in the 16th round. At the outset Matthews outpointed the French boy, two to one, but from the sixth round onwards Mascart's punches were landing with telling effect on the Britisher who slowly but surely weakened under the sustained attack. When Criqui returns home it is certain Mascart will lodge a defiance with the French Federation. Meantime the new star is being bombarded with challenges and there is possibility that he may be fixed up with Mick McAdam, the Scotch champion. The latter established his right to the title by knocking out George McKenzie in 17 rounds, incidentally winning a pot of money in bets for his supporters. If clinched, the battle will be staged in London under Major Wilson's promotion later in the year.

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The National Sporting Club has completed its program for the present season and will close down for boxing with the Augie Ratner-Roland Todd fight on June 4. This is a reversion to pre-war conditions, when the Monday preceding the race for the English Derby closed the year for the big boxing affairs until the following October. Experiments during the past two years in staging big fights indoors during the hot summer months has proved costly to the promoters and unless Major Wilson enters the field, we shall have nothing in the way of title scraps between the months of June and September.

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Negotiations for a scrap between Siki and Bartley Madden at Dublin having proved abortive, the negro is dickering for a battle with one of the British heavyweights to take place in Paris. George Cook, the Australian champion, was at first suggetsed but the Colonial got badly mauled in his victorious struggle with Frank Goddard and will not be fit to fight again for some time. Goddard may accept if the terms are satisfactory and whatever his shortcomings as a boxer, his punching powers and ability to take punishment should endear him to the hearts of Paris fans, who prefer fighters of this class.

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The city of Bristol in the days of the prize ring held high rank as a fistic center, but has not yet produced a glove artist of title class comparable with Jem Belcher and others who claimed the Western city as their home town. With the idea of reviving the sport, a syndicate of sports held a big show there this week, the star item being a twenty-round affair in which Tommy Harrison faced Albert Colcome of Tylorstown, the birth place of Jimmy Wilde. The show exceeded the promoters' expectations, hundreds being turned away owing to lack of seating accommodation.

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The fighting business is booming in Italy despite the horrible blunders of promoters and officials. With the idea of developing home talent, the Italian promoters are scouring England and France for good class boxers to appear in contests or exhibition bouts.

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Mick McAdam has qualified for a featherweight title bout when Joey Fox comes home. Up at Edinburgh he knocked out George McKenzie in 17 rounds after a grand scrap. McAdam carried the fight to his man in every round and tried very hard to finish him off in the first two. McKenzie kept up the terrific pace until he cracked and McAdam applied the dream wallop. Over 12,000 fans packed the Waverly Market Hall for this scrap, over which a ton of money changed hands between the betting crowds of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

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European News

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McAdam hails from Glasgow, and McKenzie from Leith, a suburg of Edinburgh.

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The British amateur championship meet provided the usual annual 12 hours' orgy of boxing. The majority of the winners and competitors generally were of the average class that distinguishes this yearly festival, the only outstanding boxer being the middleweight winner, H. Mallin, who has now scored five years in succession, besides winning the Olympic tourney at Antwerp in 1920. He has frequently been approached for professional bouts, but prefers to remain in the unpaid class and attend to his duties as a member of the London police force. The sole American representative, E. P. J. Egan, who fought under the colors of Oxford University, got through against poor opposition in the heavyweights, but was defeated in the light heavyweight class by last year's winner.

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Peit Hobin, the Belgian welter champion, who was recently "appointed" European title holder, had an unsatisfactory bout at Liverpool with Billy Mack, a local boy. Hobin was disqualified in the 11th round for an alleged low punch. The decision apparently was not to the liking of the fans, nor do the critics agree that the blow was foul. At the time Hobin had a long lead on points and looked all over a winner.

The bout was a return battle, Mack having won a disputed decision over Hobin in 15 rounds a short time previously.

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Ted "Kid" Lewis is preparing for a trip to South Africa. The ex-champion will not be able to secure the huge purses he has been accustomed to here and in America, as the Colonial government have a limit to the amount payable to boxers from which there is no deviation, even for champions.

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Seaman Hall, our lightweight champion, is surely a child of fortune. Since he won the title from Ernie Rice he has been defeated by Alf Simmons and Tommy Morgan, both matches being fixed at two pounds over the lightweight limit. Besides these defeats Hall had a close call in his title contest with Johnny Brown, the Scotch champion. Simmons, Morgan and Brown are all clamoring for a title bout, whilst Hall is being challenged by the International Federation on behalf of Leon Poutet for a European championship. The Seaman has a brainy manager in Ted Broadrible who may scheme out some plan for his protege to hang on to the title until he is ready for the American trip with Jimmy Wilde. The latter has commenced training for his bout in New York next June with Pancho Villa.

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Andrews' Ring Gossip

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bane barred and later rescinding the order, but making it compulsory for Criqui to put up a bond of $10,000 that he will remain over and fight Johnny Dundee in the event that he wins from Kilbane. That is unfair to the French lad. What would the sportsmen here say if the same kind of treatment was handed one of our champions in Europe? Criqui should have been permitted to go through with his Kilbane match without all the fuss and worry.

Leon Poutet and Mario, two French boxers, are to assist Criqui in getting into shape for the battle, having arrived here the past week. Poutet held the lightweight title for a short ime, losing it to Fred Bretonnel. Joey Fox, the English featherweight, who was beaten by Criqui, some time ago, was in Milwaukee the past week and thinks that the French boy has a good chance to beat Kilbane.

"The Frenchman is clever and can hit, too" said Joey, "but he will find Kilbane a hard lad to handle. I fought Kilbane a few years ago and know pretty well what he can do. It must be borne in mind that Johnny is getting along in years and his stamina is not the same. Criqui is very hardy and can do the distance without being distressed. I think he has a splendid chance to cop the world's championship. I want to fight the winner and have another whirl at the title."

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Paris boxing circles are highly diverted with the Carpentier-Siki comedy that seems a long way from being played out. The French Federation have now taken a hand in the farce by declaring that the projected return clash will not be permitted in France unless Georges adheres to his original contract to fight the negro for the benefit of the French Laboratories. It will be recalled that the ex-champion publicly stated after his defeat last year that he would never fight again until he regained the laurels he lost on that memorable Sunday afternoon, and would fight the negro again for nothing. Subsequently, he amended his hasty declaration and listened to proposals made by one of the Paris newspapers to fight on a percentage basis. The cutting of the purse money did not appeal to Siki, who promptly divulged the proceedings to a rival newspaper, with the result that the affair has blazed up into a sort of national issue. Carpentier's manager has been—and still is—severely roasted by the various papers. Never at any time very popular, the inimitable Descamps is now being severely criticised in Parisian boxing circles.

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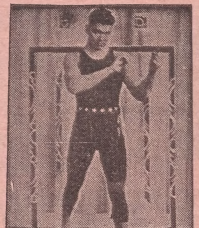

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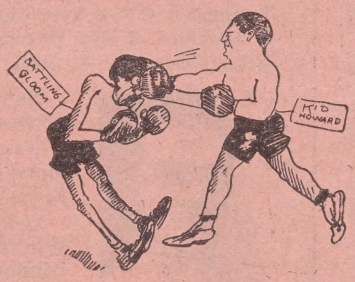

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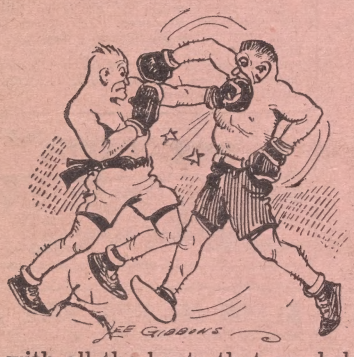

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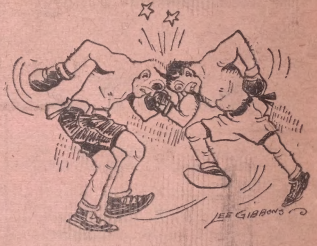

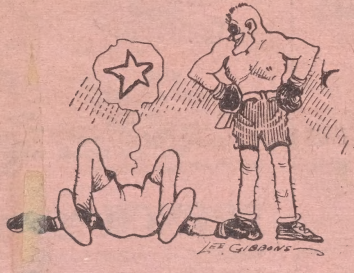

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